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1. THORNE, 28, GRADUATE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA IN ASIAN STUDIES. TAUGHT ENGLISH LIBYA ONE YEAR. HAS TAUGHT ENGLISH AT VARIETY OF INSTITUTIONS IN TAIWAN FOR THREE YEARS. CONCURRENTLY STUDYING CHINESE. PLANS STAYING IN ASIA TWO OR THREE MORE YEARS IN VIETNAM, PERHAPS LATER IN JAPAN. THEN PLANS ENROLL GRADUATE STUDY IN ASIAN STUDIES WITH ULTIMATE GOAL TEACHING ASIAN STUDIES IN AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL.

2. PLEASANT, FORTHRIGHT PERSONALITY. PROBABLY CAN RELATE WELL TO ASIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. ON BASIS THREE YEARS LIVING ON LOCAL ECONOMY TAIPEI, SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE ADJUSTING TO LIVING IN VIETNAM. HAS NO ACADEMIC TRAINING IN ENGLISH TEACHING BUT THROUGH RATHER EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE HAS ACQUIRED APPARENTLY FAIRLY EXTENSIVE PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE. KNOWS VARIOUS STANDARD TEACHING MATERIALS. ON BASIS ONE SHORT INTERVIEW, WOULD RECOMMEND IF FORMAL ACADEMIC PREPARATIION AND DEGREE IN FIELD NOT A REQUIREMENT.

3. THORNE RESIGNED TEACHING POSITIONS HERE AT END OF ACA-DEMIC YEAR IN JUNE IN ANTICIPATION RECEIVING VIETNAM APPOINT-MENT. THEREFORE, NOW UNEMPLOYED AND ANXIOUSLY AWAITING DECISION FULBRIGHT GRANT. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY SOONEST.
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